

JFK To Visit Germany In Spring European Trip

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy extended his European travel plans yesterday to include West Germany, bypassing France's Charles de Gaulle.

The White House announced that Kennedy has accepted an invitation from Chancellor Konrad Adenauer for an informal working visit to Bonn. Kennedy is expected to stop at the West German capital after going to Rome in late May or early June.

"It is not contemplated that the President will make any other stop in Europe during this trip," the White House announcement added.

THIS APPEARED to rule out a Kennedy meeting this spring with De Gaulle, the French president whose unbending figure stands athwart major Western unity undertakings rated of great importance by Kennedy.

De Gaulle has rejected Kennedy's Nassau, Bahamas, proposal for a multilateral North Atlantic Treaty Organization atomic force. And France has posed the outstanding obstacles to British entry into the European Common Market — thus opposing another Kennedy aim.

With the other Atlantic allies in virtually solid array against France on these matters, Kennedy's omission of Paris on his forthcoming trip underscored the isolation of De Gaulle's position.

There has been some expectation that De Gaulle would visit the United States sometime this year. U.S. authorities said nothing has been worked out on this, so far.

KENNEDY'S TRIP to Bonn will have a significance beyond a mere farewell call on Adenauer, who is due to step down from office at the end of this summer.

U.S. authorities believe the presidential appearance will signify continued U.S. support for West Germany during an important transition period. Adenauer's re-

irement will bring in a new West German leadership for the first time since the aging chancellor took the reins after World War II.

Presidential press secretary Pierre Salinger said Mrs. Kennedy, who vacationed in Italy last year, will accompany the President to Rome.

AFL-CIO Labor Leaders Oppose Pennsylvania, N.Y. Rail Merger

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Four eastern Pennsylvania AFL - CIO labor leaders testified yesterday they opposed a merger of the Pennsylvania and New York Central railroads.

Voicing strong opposition at public hearings of the Interstate Commerce Commission were Norman Blumberg, Philadelphia; Leroy Clayton, Allentown; Harold S. Miller, Bethlehem, and Charles W. Seyfert, Reading.

Blumberg is president of the Philadelphia Council AFL - CIO which claims 200,000 members. Miller is recording secretary of the AFL-CIO Union Council of Northampton County, Pa., and Warren County, N.J. Clayton is recording secretary of the Lehigh Central Labor Council. Seyfert is president of the United Labor Council of Reading and Berks County.

Blumberg told the ICC examiners the merger would threaten Philadelphia's rail service as well as the growth of the port of Philadelphia.

"Reduced freight service as a result of the merger will result in higher overhead costs on the Pennsy lines," Blumberg said in a statement.

Traffic, he said, would be diverted from the port of Philadelphia to New York.

Blumberg also said the PRR refused to say where the headquarters of the merged road would be.

Scranton Administration Foresees Multi-million Dollar Operating Deficit

HARRISBURG (AP)—The Scranton administration predicted yesterday a multi-million dollar operating fund deficit during the current fiscal year.

Gov. Scranton told his first news conference he has ordered "a stringent economy program."

Through such a program, he said, the administration hopes to reduce an anticipated deficit of \$32 million to \$26 million by June 30, when the fiscal year ends.

The prediction immediately was challenged by Democratic State Chairman Otis B. Morse.

"The fact of the matter is that the budget should be in balance by the end of this fiscal year," he said in a statement, "with the distinct possibility of a small surplus."

The Republican administration's estimate—only three days after taking over from the Democrats—ran directly counter to statements by former Gov. Lawrence's top fiscal advisers that the budget should be in balance.

"In three short days," Morse said, "the new Republican administration has converted a \$10 million surplus at the end of December into a \$32 million deficit by June 30th. That takes some doing."

Scranton's estimate of a deficit was made up of two parts: A revenue department revised projection for the last six months of the fiscal period showing receipts about \$18 million below original estimates and a budget office calculation that \$24 million in additional spending would be needed to see the state through the remainder of the fiscal year.

This \$42 million total would be offset by the \$10 million cutback in spending by the Lawrence administration before leaving office.

Scranton said he hoped to cut another \$6 million through his

new program of economics in operation.

He also ordered his department heads to cut their 1963-64 budget requests in an effort to reduce the proposed cost of operations by about 20 per cent.

Scranton also ordered a freeze on jobs except where people have to be hired to continue essential functions.

Kennedy Requests Aid for Education

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Kennedy administration's new education-aid proposal will be a five-year program proposing expenditures of more than \$6 billion, informed sources said yesterday.

President Kennedy's budget sent to Congress Thursday gave some broad outlines of what the program will contain but put an expenditure price tag of only \$144 million on it for the year beginning July 1.

It was learned, however, that a budget request for authorization to enter into spending commitments during the next fiscal year up to \$1,215,000,000 was made so as to provide the basis for expenditure of five times that much, or more, under the proposed program.

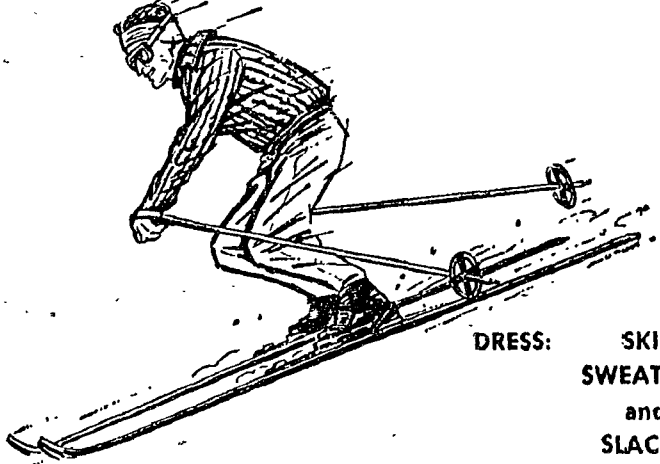
It was explained the programs involving construction do not require large actual expenditures while they are getting under way, with the expenditures mounting as planning is completed and actual construction begins.

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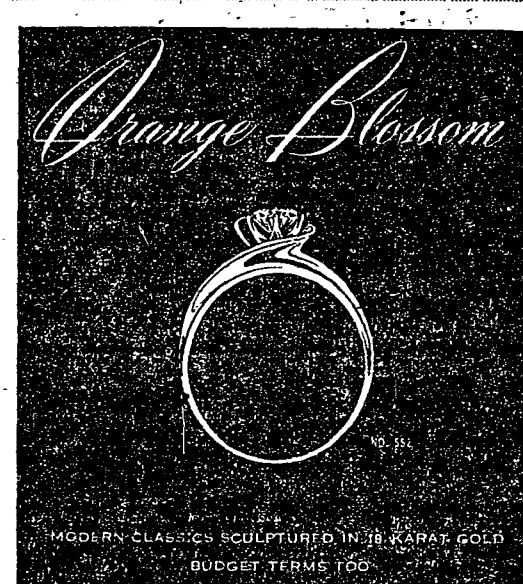
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